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OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

At Edinburgh, July 24. 1652.

*Antemeridiem.* Sess. IV.



He Generall Assemblie, having taken to their serious consideration the supplication given in to them, in name of the Citie of *Glasgow*, by their Commissioners; They finde, that it hath pleased God to lay desolate that Town by a violent and sudden fire, whereby the far best part of the fore-streets and the most considerable buildings are burnt, together with above four-score Lanes and Closses, which were the dwellings of neer by a Thousand Families, and almost all the Chops and Ware-houses of the Merchants, many whereof are neer by ruined; Besides a great many more of Widows, Orphans

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and distressed honest families, who, having lost what they had, are reduced to such straits, that, unlesse readie and considerable supply be provided for them, they must, with their families, starve or beg. In regard of the premisse, the Generall Assemblie findes it incumbent to them to recommend to the severall Presbyteries, like as be thir presents they recommend to them, and injoyns, That they, with all convenient diligence, and in an effectuall way, represent the sad condition of that neer by destroyed Town to these within their respective Paroches, and seriously exhort them to contribute chearfullie and liberallie for the supplie of that afflicted and distressed people; Notwithstanding of the great distresse lying for the time on the land, as not knowing when it shall be the Lords pleasure to put themselves to the like necessitie of supplie. And that this collection may be readily and chearfully obtained, It is recommended, that, what is to be collected in the chief Burghs, it may be by a voluntar collection from such persons as shall be found willing; And that be the warrand of the Ministers, Session, and these who have the Government of the respective Burghs: And that by the same warrand Collections may be made in the meaner Burghs, as shall be thought by them most fitting. Further, that, in Landward Paroches, persons of qualitie, be desired by the Minister and Session, to give their voluntar contribution to such as they shall appoint to receive the same; and that others, within the Paroches, give in their voluntar Collections at the Kirk door upon a Lords day assigned to them for that effect. And where any Paroch is vacant, and without a Minister, It is recommended to the Presbyterie, that they send some of their number to that Paroch, that, with the concurrence of that Session, Collections may go on in that Paroch as in others.

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As also, that what shall be contribute by these in chief Burghs, and by persons of qualitie, dwelling in Landward Congregations, shall be written in a Book appointed for that end, bearing the names of the persons that do contribute, and what is given by them. It is also recommended (the Collection being thus made) that, what shall be gotten, it be sent to the Moderator of each Presbyterie, by the Minister and Elders of the severall Paroches, with a Note under their hands, bearing the quantitie of what is Collected in their Congregation. And that the severall Moderators send what they receive, together with the severall Notes to the persons following: The Presbyteries of *Sutherland* and of *Caitnes*, to *Thomas Mansoun*, Provost of *Dornoch*; The Province of *Rosse*, and Presbyterie of *Inverness*, to *John Forbes*, late Provost of *Inverness*; The Presbyteries of *Strabogie*, *Aberlour*, *Elgin* and *Forres*, to Master *John Dowglas*, Provost of *Elgin*; The Province of *Orkney* and *Zeitland*, to *John Edmiston*, Chamberlaine in *Kirkeo*; The Province of *Aberdene*, to *James Farquhard*, Merchant in *Aberdene*; The Province of *Angus* and *Merns*, to *Robert Stratoun*, Apothecarie in *Dundie*; The Province of *Fife*, to *Georg Gairns*, in *Bruntiland*; The Province of *Perth*, to *Robert Steinston*, Baylie of *Sterling*; The Presbyteries of *Dunee*, *Chirnside* and *Erstoun*, to Master *John Wilkie* at *Fuldown*; The Presbyteries of *Kelso*, *Fedburgh* and *Metros*, to *John Alcorn*, Merchant in *Kelso*; The Province of *Louthian*, to *William Cunningham* elder, Merchant in *Edinburgh*, dwelling in the Castle-hill; The Province of *Dumfreis*, to *John Johnston*, late Provost of *Dumfreis*; The Province of *Galloway*, to *William Niblo*, Merchant in *Stranrawer*; The Provinces of *Glasgow* and *Aire*, and the Province of *Argyle*, to *John Anderson* of *Dowhill*, and *James Barns*, Merchants in *Glasgow*. Which Collections so



gotten, are to be sent, by the persons aforementioned, to the Burgh of Glasgow, and are to be delivered to the said *Fohn Anderson* of *Dowhill*, and *James Barns*, Merchants in *Glasgow*, appointed to receive the same. And in respect the Winter now approacheth, and many distressed honest people, if supply before that time be not gotten for them, their affliction and miserie will be exceeding great; for preventing whereof, It is recommended that a speedie course with all convenient diligence, may be used for getting in the Collections for them, as said is.

